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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Express Mail No	EV452773576US
Application Number	09/590,002
Filing Date	June 8, 2000
First Named Inventor	Lawrence L. Kunz
Group Art Unit	1621
Examiner Name	Samuel A. Barts
Attorney Docket No.	10177-216-999 (CAM No. 008563-999213)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed \_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☒ Other: List of References Cited by Applicant (revised PTO-1449 Form); copies of references A01-A08 and B01-B06

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months.  
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☒ Other copy of Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and revised PTO-1449 Form filed November 30, 2001

3. **Fees**

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013:

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), estimated to be \$ 790.00

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17, estimated to be \$ \_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_ month extension, the request for which is being made herewith

iii. ☐ Other

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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